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In re Application of:)
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Valérie de la POTERIE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1615
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Application No.: 09/598,637) Examiner: L. Channavajjala
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Filed: June 21, 2000)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated August 7, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. No claims have been cancelled or amended by this response.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Office has rejected claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 749,747 for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action dated August 7, 2002. As EP 749,747 is in French, the Examiner has relied on the equivalent U.S. patent, *i.e.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,851,517 to Mougin ("the '517

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